FORM NLRB 501 (3-21)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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| Case | Date Filed | |
| 6-CA-301050 | 8/10/22 | |

INSTRUCTIONS:

| | which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring | ng. | | | |
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| 1. EMPL | OYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT | | | | |
| a. Name of Employer | | b. Tel. No. | | | |
| Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School | | 412-646-1718 | | | |
| | | c. Cell No. | | | |
| | | f. Fax. No. | | | |
| d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) | e. Employer Representative | g. e-mail | | | |
| 320 Marguerite Avenue Wilmerding, PA 15148 | (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @westinghs | | | |
| | | h. Number of workers employed | | | |
| | | Approx. 30 in b/u | | | |
| i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Charter School | j. Identify principal product or service Education | | | | |
| The above-named employer has engaged in and is engage | ging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section | 8(a), subsections (1) and | | | |
| (list subsections) (3) | of the National Labor R | elations Act, and these unfair labor | | | |
| practices are practices affecting commerce within the me | aning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are practic | es affecting commerce within the | | | |
| meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act. | | | | | |
| 2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise state | ement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor prac | etices) | | | |
| employee(b) (6). (b) (7)(C) in regard to hire or tenure of Arts Academy Charter Education Association, a la | loyer, acting through its officers, agents and represe of employment to discourage membership in and act abor organization; the Employer discharged by the exercises and to discourage other employees in the exercises. | tivities on behalf of Westinghouse ecause engaged in Union activity | | | |
| 3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, g. Westinghouse Arts Academy Charte | ive full name, including local name and number) er Education Association PSEA/NEA | | | | |
| 4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code 10 South 19th Street, 3rd | 9) | 4b. Tel. No. 412-381-2400 | | | |
| Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15203 4c. Cell No. 4d. Fax No. 412-432-2034 4e. e-mail | | | | | |
| | | | 5. Full name of national or international labor organization | n of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in w | when charge is filed by a labor organization |
| | | | Pennsylvania State Education Association/ Nation | | , |
| 6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements Tel. No. 240-818- | | Tel. No. 240-818-1108 | | | |
| B. B. are true to the best of m | ny knowledge and belief. Amanda B. Bundick, Attorney | Office, if any, Cell No. 412-368-5541 | | | |
| (signature of representative or person making charge) | (Print/type name and title or office, if any) | Fax No. | | | |
| Address P.O. Box 44290, Pittsburgh, P | Address P.O. Box 44290, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 Date August 9, 2022 | | | | |
| | | amanda@eblaborlaw.com | | | |

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information may cause the NLRB to dedine to invoke its processes.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD



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August 10, 2022

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School 320 Marguerite Avenue Wilmerding, PA 15148

Re: Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School

Case 06-CA-301050

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner ERIC J. KELLY whose telephone number is (412)690-7108. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Regional Attorney RENEE D. MCKINNEY whose telephone number is (412)690-7109.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701*, *Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

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<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not

enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

<u>Preservation of all Potential Evidence:</u> Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Wilson Regional Director

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:cjc Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
 - 2. Commerce Questionnaire



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD



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August 10, 2022

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter Education Association 10 South 19th Street, 3rd Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15203

REGION 6

1000 Liberty Ave Rm 904

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4111

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Case 06-CA-301050

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Very truly yours,

Nancy Wilson Regional Director

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cc: Amanda B. Bundick, Attorney

PO Box 44290

Pittsburgh, PA 15205-0690

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION SIX

WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL,

Respondent

and

Case 06-CA-301050

WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,

Charging Party

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

This Complaint and Notice of Hearing is based on a charge filed by Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter Education Association (Charging Party). It is issued pursuant to Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act (the Act), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq., and Section 102.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board (the Board) and alleges that Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School (Respondent) has violated the Act as described below.

- 1. The charge in this proceeding was filed by the Charging Party on August 10, 2022, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on August 10, 2022.
- 2. At all material times, Respondent, a Pennsylvania corporation, with an office and place of business in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, herein called the Respondent's facility, has been engaged in the business of operating a charter school for Grades 9-12.
- 3. (a) Annually, Respondent, in conducting its operations described above in paragraph 2, derived gross revenues in excess of \$1,000,000.
 - (b) Annually, Respondent, in conducting its operations described above in

paragraph 2, purchased and received at the Respondent's facility goods valued in excess of \$5,000 directly from points outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 4. At all material times, Respondent has been an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Section 2(2), (6), and (7) of the Act.
- 5. At all material times, the Charging Party has been a labor organization within the meaning of Section 2(5) of the Act.
- 6. At all material times, the following individuals held the positions set forth opposite their respective names and have been supervisors of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Act and agents of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(13) of the Act:

- 7. (a) About February 18, 2022, employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) raised safety concerns at an all-staff meeting.
- (b) About February 18, 2022 raised safety concerns at a meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- (c) About February 23, 2022, raised safety concerns at a meeting with raised safety concerns at a meeting with
- (d) By the conduct described above in in paragraph 7(a-c), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) engaged in concerted activities with other employees for the purposes of mutual aid and protection.
 - 8. (a) About (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) 2022, Respondent suspended its employee

- (b) About 2022, Respondent discharged its employee
- 9. Respondent engaged in the conduct described above in paragraph 8(a-b), because engaged in the conduct described above in paragraph 7(a-d), and to discourage employee(s) from engaging in these or other concerted activities.
- 10. Respondent engaged in the conduct described above in paragraph 8(a-b) because formed, joined, and assisted the Charging Party and engaged in concerted activities, and to discourage employees from engaging in these activities.
- 11. By the conduct described above in paragraphs 8(a-b) and 9, Respondent has been interfering with, restraining, and coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act in violation of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act.
- 12. By the conduct described above in paragraphs 8(a-b) and 10, Respondent has been discriminating in regard to the hire or tenure or terms or conditions of employment of its employees, thereby discouraging membership in a labor organization in violation of Section 8(a)(3) and (1) of the Act.
- 13. The unfair labor practices of Respondent described above affect commerce within the meaning of Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

REMEDY

As part of the remedy for the unfair labor practices alleged above the General Counsel seeks an Order requiring Respondent to reimburse (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for any and all consequential damages may have incurred as a result of discharge.

The General Counsel further seeks all other relief as may be just and proper to remedy the unfair labor practices alleged.

ANSWER REQUIREMENT

Respondent is notified that, pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, it must file an answer to the complaint. The answer must be <u>received by this</u> <u>office on or before May 26, 2023, or postmarked on or before May 25, 2023</u>. Respondent also must serve a copy of the answer on each of the other parties.

The answer must be filed electronically through the Agency's website. electronically, go to www.nlrb.gov, click on E-File Documents, enter the NLRB Case Number, and follow the detailed instructions. Responsibility for the receipt and usability of the answer rests exclusively upon the sender. Unless notification on the Agency's website informs users that the Agency's E-Filing system is officially determined to be in technical failure because it is unable to receive documents for a continuous period of more than 2 hours after 12:00 noon (Eastern Time) on the due date for filing, a failure to timely file the answer will not be excused on the basis that the transmission could not be accomplished because the Agency's website was off-line or unavailable for some other reason. The Board's Rules and Regulations require that an answer be signed by counsel or non-attorney representative for represented parties or by the party if not represented. See Section 102.21. If the answer being filed electronically is a pdf document containing the required signature, no paper copies of the answer need to be transmitted to the Regional Office. However, if the electronic version of an answer to a complaint is not a pdf file containing the required signature, then the E-filing rules require that such answer containing the required signature continue to be submitted to the Regional Office by traditional means within three (3) business days after the date of electronic filing. Service of the answer on each of the other parties must still be accomplished by means allowed under the Board's Rules and Regulations. The answer may not be filed by facsimile transmission. If no answer is filed, or if an answer is filed untimely, the Board may find, pursuant to a Motion for Default Judgment, that

the allegations in the complaint are true.

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 8, 2024, 10:00 AM at 1000 Liberty

Avenue, Room 904, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded,

a hearing will be conducted before an administrative law judge of the National Labor Relations

Board. At the hearing, Respondent and any other party to this proceeding have the right to appear

and present testimony regarding the allegations in this complaint. The procedures to be followed

at the hearing are described in the attached Form NLRB-4668. The procedure to request a

postponement of the hearing is described in the attached Form NLRB-4338.

Dated: May 12, 2023

/s/ Nancy Wilson

NANCY WILSON

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

REGION SIX

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Attachments

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 6

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Respondent

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WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Charging Party

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Complaint and Notice of Hearing (with forms NLRB-4338 and NLRB-4668 attached)

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on May 12, 2023, I served the above-entitled document(s) by **certified or electronic mail,** as noted below, upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

ELECTRONIC MAIL

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School 320 Marguerite Avenue
Wilmerding, PA 15148

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

@westinghousearts.org

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Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter Education Association 10 South 19th Street, 3rd Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15203 **CERTIFIED MAIL**

| May 12, 2023 | Kristin McGeorge, Designated Agent of NLRB |
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| Date | Name |
| | |
| | /s/ Kristin McGeorge |
| | Signature |

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE

Case 06-CA-301050

The issuance of the notice of formal hearing in this case does not mean that the matter cannot be disposed of by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, it is the policy of this office to encourage voluntary adjustments. The examiner or attorney assigned to the case will be pleased to receive and to act promptly upon your suggestions or comments to this end.

An agreement between the parties, approved by the Regional Director, would serve to cancel the hearing. However, unless otherwise specifically ordered, the hearing will be held at the date, hour, and place indicated. Postponements *will not be granted* unless good and sufficient grounds are shown *and* the following requirements are met:

- (1) The request must be in writing. An original and two copies must be filed with the Regional Director when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(a) or with the Division of Judges when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(b).
- (2) Grounds must be set forth in *detail*;
- (3) Alternative dates for any rescheduled hearing must be given;
- (4) The positions of all other parties must be ascertained in advance by the requesting party and set forth in the request; and
- (5) Copies must be simultaneously served on all other parties (listed below), and that fact must be noted on the request.

Except under the most extreme conditions, no request for postponement will be granted during the three days immediately preceding the date of hearing.

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Amanda B. Bundick , Attorney PO Box 44290 Pittsburgh, PA 15205-0690

Procedures in NLRB Unfair Labor Practice Hearings

The attached complaint has scheduled a hearing that will be conducted by an administrative law judge (ALJ) of the National Labor Relations Board who will be an independent, impartial finder of facts and applicable law. **You may be represented at this hearing by an attorney or other representative**. If you are not currently represented by an attorney, and wish to have one represent you at the hearing, you should make such arrangements as soon as possible. A more complete description of the hearing process and the ALJ's role may be found at Sections 102.34, 102.35, and 102.45 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. The Board's Rules and regulations are available at the following link: www nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-1717/rules and regs part 102.pdf.

The NLRB allows you to file certain documents electronically and you are encouraged to do so because it ensures that your government resources are used efficiently. To e-file go to the NLRB's website at www nlrb.gov, click on "e-file documents," enter the 10-digit case number on the complaint (the first number if there is more than one), and follow the prompts. You will receive a confirmation number and an e-mail notification that the documents were successfully filed.

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I. BEFORE THE HEARING

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 6

WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Respondent

and

Case 06-CA-301050

WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Charging Party

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Complaint and Notice of Hearing (with forms NLRB-4338 and NLRB-4668 attached)

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on May 12, 2023, I served the above-entitled document(s) by **certified or electronic mail,** as noted below, upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE

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The issuance of the notice of formal hearing in this case does not mean that the matter cannot be disposed of by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, it is the policy of this office to encourage voluntary adjustments. The examiner or attorney assigned to the case will be pleased to receive and to act promptly upon your suggestions or comments to this end.

An agreement between the parties, approved by the Regional Director, would serve to cancel the hearing. However, unless otherwise specifically ordered, the hearing will be held at the date, hour, and place indicated. Postponements *will not be granted* unless good and sufficient grounds are shown *and* the following requirements are met:

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WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

and Case 06-CA-301050

WESTINGHOUSE ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Respondent, Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School ("Respondent" or "School"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Answer to the Complaint, and in support thereof, states the following:

GENERAL DENIAL

Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, Respondent denies each and every allegation contained in the Complaint, including, without limitation, any allegations contained in the preamble, headings, or subheadings of the Complaint. Respondent specifically denies that it violated the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA") in any of the ways alleged in the Complaint or in any other way. Respondent expressly reserves the right to seek to amend and/or supplement its Answer as may be necessary.

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DEFENSES

Without assuming any burden of proof, persuasion or production not legally assigned to it regarding any element of the claims alleged in the Complaint, Respondent asserts the following defenses:

- 1. The Complaint and each purported claim for relief stated therein fail to allege facts sufficient to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. Respondent has not violated the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA") in any manner.
- 3. Respondent has not violated the NLRA specifically because it has not interfered with, restrained or coerced any employees in the exercise of their rights protected by the NLRA, nor has it unlawfully discriminated against any employees in regard to the hire or tenure or terms and conditions of employment of its employees, nor has it taken any action to discourage membership in any labor organization in violation of the NLRA.
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- 6. Respondent further disputes the accuracy and completeness of the characterization in Paragraphs 7 (a)-(d) the Complaint of activity, which merely claim that raised "safety concerns," and Respondent further disputes whether such activity *per se* constituted protected activity under the National Labor Relations Act.
- 7. Respondent further asserts that the National Labor Relations Board lacks jurisdiction over Respondent or any other public charter school organized and operating pursuant to Pennsylvania's Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§ 17-1701, *et seq*.

RESPONSES TO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS IN THE COMPLAINT

- 1. After reasonable investigation, Respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of Paragraph 1, except to admit that subsequent to August 10, 2022, it received a copy of the charge in Case 06-CA- 301050.
 - 2. Admitted.
- 3. (a) The factual averments in Paragraph 3(a) are admitted, however, to the extent that the factual averments in Paragraph 3(a) are intended to allege the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, Respondent asserts that that the National Labor Relations Board lacks

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- (b) The factual averments in Paragraph 3(b) are admitted, however, to the extent that the factual averments in Paragraph 3(b) are intended to allege the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, Respondent asserts that that the National Labor Relations Board lacks jurisdiction over Respondent or any other public charter school organized and operating pursuant to Pennsylvania's Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§ 17-1701, et seq.
- 4. The averments in Paragraph 4 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that the factual averments in Paragraph 4 are intended to allege the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, Respondent asserts that that the National Labor Relations Board lacks jurisdiction over Respondent or any other public charter school organized and operating pursuant to Pennsylvania's Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§ 17-1701, et seq.
- 5. The averments in Paragraph 5 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of Paragraph 5.
- 6. Respondent admits that the individuals listed in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint at all material times held the titles and positions ascribed to them in the Complaint. To the extent the Complaint avers in Paragraph 6 that these individuals were supervisors and agents of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(11) and 2(13) of the National Labor Relations Act, this constitutes a conclusion of law to which no response is required.
- 7. (a) Respondent admits that attended an all-staff meeting on February 18, 2022, a meeting which surreptitiously recorded without the consent of any attendees in violation of the Pennsylvania Wiretap Act, an act that constituted a felony under Pennsylvania law and

which prompted multiple complaints from colleagues. *See* 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5703; <u>Brantley v. Wysocki</u>, 662 F. App'x 138 (3d Cir. 2016) (criminal proceedings against employee for violation of the Pennsylvania Act based on employee's unauthorized recording of meeting with her supervisor were supported by probable cause). Respondent denies whether any statements made by during this meeting can be accurately/completely described merely as the raising of "safety concerns."

- (d) The averments in Paragraph 7(d) are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the averments are denied.
 - 8. (a) Admitted.
 - (b) Admitted.
- 9. Respondent vigorously denies that it suspended and terminated because of any protected activity that may or may not have engaged in or to discourage employees from engaging in any such activities. Instead, Respondent suspended and then terminated multiple instances of misconduct and the numerous complaints that were filed against colleagues and others with the School, including but not necessarily limited to 1) illegal recording of the February 18, 2022 meeting, 2) inappropriate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), 3) repeated instances of harassing and intimidating behavior directed toward colleagues, behavior which prompted complaints from the affected colleagues and led to them, in some instances, calling off work out of fear of interacting with (4) repeated failure to students, and 5) Respondent's reasonable fear that properly monitor employment, due to ongoing intimidating, harassing, and inappropriate behavior, would lead to liability for the School.
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- 11. The averments in Paragraph 11 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the averments are denied. Respondent has not violated the NLRA in any manner and it has not interfered with, restrained or coerced any employees in the exercise of their rights protected by the NLRA.
- 12. The averments in Paragraph 12 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the averments are denied. Respondent has not violated the NLRA in any manner and it has not unlawfully discriminated against any employees in regard to the hire or tenure or terms and conditions of employment of its employees, nor has it taken any action to discourage membership in any labor organization in violation of the NLRA.
- 13. The averments in Paragraph 13 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the averments are denied. Respondent has not committed any unfair labor practices and to the extent that Paragraph 13 alleges facts that are intended to establish the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, Respondent asserts that the National Labor Relations Board lacks jurisdiction over Respondent or any other public charter school organized and operating pursuant to Pennsylvania's Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§ 17-1701, et seq.

RESPONSES TO REQUESTED REMEDIES

The Remedy section of the Complaint does not allege facts for which an answer is required, but rather relates the remedy sought by the General Counsel and, accordingly, no response is required. To the extent that a response may be deemed to be necessary, Respondent denies that the General Counsel is entitled to the remedies, or that the Board can order the remedies requested.

Respondent reserves the right to raise any additional defenses not asserted herein of which it may become aware through investigation as may be appropriate at a later time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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